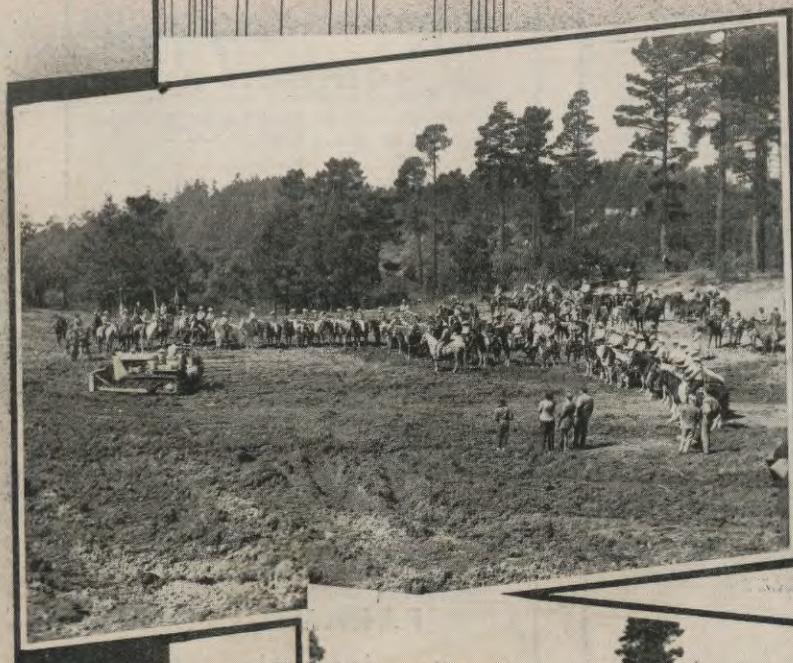




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At the top: A general view of the Ground Breaking ceremony.

Below: (left to right) Fred Bemis, Don Marquis, and Jim Myers are pictured on the bulldozer, and Archie Brown and Howard Robinson are standing beside it. Photograph by Charles A. Logue.

## *Editorial*

### THE GROUND BREAKING

The ground breaking ceremony for the Riding Arena in Joaquin Miller Park was celebrated in a colorful pageant of horses and horsemen on Saturday afternoon, March 20. The brilliant costumes of mounted units and the gleam of proud horses made a thrilling spectacle against the dark green of the Redwood setting.

That which has been but a dream in the hearts of horsemen the past few years, now has its beginning as reality. What an inspiration it should be to every member of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association! Here you have concrete evidence of what you can accomplish when you work for something as a group.

With the building of this "home for horsemen", the city of Oakland has recognized the needs of riders in this community, yes, and of their importance. Stick together horsemen in your organization, the M. H. A. Only through unity can you accomplish the things you want as individual horsemen.

And I have heard some of you ask why you should belong to M. H. A.—just what it does for you! Here is just one of the answers, and a mighty big reason for belonging it is, too.

I felt a real thrill of happiness and pride watching the ground breaking ceremonies and feeling that as a member of M.H.A., I had a small part in bringing the Riding Arena into being.

My happiness was marred by the realization that I will not be here to work for the completion of the over-all plan. Time marches on. Mr. Paul has had a promotion that will take us to New York to live as soon as we can sell our home and make other necessary arrangements.

I have told you before that after having lived in four states, I firmly believe that no other city in the country has riding trails to compare to those you enjoy. They are superb in beauty of surroundings, variety in character, and availability (so close to

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### NEXT BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 6, 1948  
Time: 6:30 P.M. Dinner Meeting  
Place: Emerald Room, Claremont Hotel



# M.H.A. Activities

## TRAILS RIDE AND FIELD DAY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 16

Make your plans now to participate in the May Trails Ride and Field Day to be held on Sunday, May 16. Art Palmer, Chairman of Activities, George Daniels, Chairman of the event, assisted by Pete Little, have arranged an excellent program for the day.

Through the generosity of George Daniels, luncheon will be served gratis!

Riders will assemble at 9 A.M. at Portuguese Flat, where they will register and receive their ride instruction. The committee guarantees a most enjoyable route. Martin Murray will be in charge of the ride.

Following luncheon, there will be a Field Day open to any riders who care to enter the events. Ray Theobald, Chairman of the Field Day announces that the following members will serve on his committee: Lorrie Bassilius, Jim Black, Deane Burton, Norma Burton, Eddie Carey, Stanley Cosca, Harold Cummins, Cotton Feliz, Mary Lou Hutton, Larry Robinow, and Nellie Winslow.

The following rules have been set for the ride:

1. Limited to MHA MEMBERS WHOSE 1948 DUES ARE PAID.
2. Entry postcard or letter of intention to ride must be in by Monday, May 10.
3. Riders will assemble at 9 A.M. at Portuguese Flat.
4. Participants will leave in a body following registration.
5. Numbers will be assigned each rider and judges will be on hand to pass on riders and mounts.
6. Ribbon awards will be distributed at luncheon to the winners on the following basis: 50% Trail Mount Performance; 25% Riding Ability; 25% equipment. Separate awards will be provided for flat saddle and western riders.

DON'T MISS THIS MHA EVENT!

## ST. PATRICK'S DANCE A SUCCESS

The M.H.A.'s first dance of the year was a great success, showing a profit of \$129.00. The Activities Committee, under the able guidance of Art Palmer, chairman for 1948, did an outstanding job. The following people served on his committee: Don Marquis, Chairman for this event; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Himmelman; Stanley and Florence Cosca; Jimmy and Tiny Black; and Betty Chute.

Music was furnished by Gregory and his Cow Pokes, who did a bang up job. "Musical Chairs" was enjoyed by a few energetic dancers, and prizes were awarded the winners. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Graham, won first in the "Waltz"; Mr. and Mrs. "Si" Simons, second; Jack Simons and Miss Rhea Ludolph, third. The prize for the best costume was won by "Wild Bill" Senecal and Mrs. Cal Tisher.

The Grand March was led by Vice-President, Jim Myers, and his very charming wife. Everyone joined in the march and had a lot of fun.

## APRIL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The April meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Vice-President Jim Myers. Roll call revealed three members absent—Ted Dreyer, Roy Fefley, and Irvin Hansen.

Mary Gale presented the Financial statement showing \$545.66 in the General Fund; \$55.25 in the Trails Fund; and \$268.55 in the Trail Blazer Fund before April bills

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**BOARD MEETING (Continued)**

were paid.

A letter of resignation from Mrs. Blanche Paul, as Managing Editor of the TRAIL BLAZER, was accepted with regrets. The resignation was necessitated by a business promotion for Mr. Paul which will take them to New York.

Mr. Myers read a letter from Mr. Mott listing the materials needed for the Riding Arena, and a letter from Mr. Blythe which told of the buildings available for use as our club house, custodian's house and office.

Membership Chairman, Heber James Brown reported 384 adult and 106 junior members. A motion was made and passed that the May issue of the TRAIL BLAZER be the last to be sent to 1947 members.

Business Manager Bill Pray revealed that the TRAIL BLAZER was out of the red. About \$75.00 remained in the account after the April issue was paid. Advertising Manager Don Schwimley reported that the April issue carried 100 inches of advertising netting \$240.00 in returns. Photographer Charles Logue reported that he had taken pictures of the ground breaking ceremonies which he had turned over to Mrs. Paul for use on the May cover of the magazine.

Art Palmer introduced the committee in charge of the May Trail Ride and Field Day. George Daniels, chairman for the event, introduced Martin Murray as chairman of the ride, and Bev Theobald, chairman for the Field Day events.

Trails Chairman, A. B. Graham advised that minor repairs have been made on trails reported by Miss Cress. Mr. Myers stated that he had also repaired the road block in the same area.

A motion made by Mr. Brown, naming Don Marquis as chairman for the 1948 Horse Show, was unanimously passed. Mr. Marquis reported on the success of the St. Patrick's Dance of which he was chairman.

Chris Hansen told of his plans to get the Juniors together for their first meeting on April 3. Humane Committee Chairman, John Corvi, reported that his committee is working on memberships.

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# Membership News

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Among the leaders in this contest of securing new members and renewed memberships are the following:

Peggy Day  
Sandra Logue  
Sheila Derieg  
Jean Evans  
Lefty Bowers  
Beverly Cron  
Willis Nuttal  
Leila Ray  
Elsa and Gus Himmelman  
Bill Patten

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## INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

Madelynne Klant from Castro Valley has been busy training her 3-year-old Palomino stallion, Golden Caballo. Madelynne has a half Saddlebred pinto mare, Sweet Heart, in foal to a Morgan stallion and is expecting a colt in July.

**Harry Green**, a laboratory technician at the California Research Corporation, owns six horses. Among them are two Thoroughbred mares, a Thoroughbred stallion, and a twenty-eight year old Morgan mare. Harry rides at Rancho Bonito.

**Dolly Nielsen**, a senior at Piedmont High, keeps her horse Lt. Sparks at Don Evans' Stables. Dolly also owns two Saddlebred horses, named Easter Crescent and Orchard Chief. The latter will appear in shows this year.

**Vivian Spaich**, sister of Earl and Woody Hansen, stables her Thoroughbred mare, Easter Night, at Rancho Bonito. Much of Vivian's time is taken up caring for her son Milo, who will soon join her in daily rides.

**Joe and Nina Stern** recently purchased the house on Leona Street, which was used as a model in the 1915 Fair. Joe is a truck salesman and Nina is President of the Handicapped and Crippled Children's Guild. They have two horses called Sonny Boy and Biscuit.

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

April Additions: This list includes membership up to and including April 7th.

### RENEWALS

Ethel Albert	John H. Langfield
Sue Allen	Fleet Medlin
Fred W. Bemis	Geneva Menicucci
Jim Black	Harry Menicucci
Scotty Black	Frank Parrish
Tiny Black	Ysabelle Parrish
Archie Brown	Bill Patten
Edith Woodward Cain	Virginia Patten
Coline Chilson	Joe Philips
Maria De Bonis	Roy Schoonover
Roberta De Velbiss	Ted Sibert
Don Evans	Delphine Sibert
Jean Evans	Robert Sibert
J. Hampton Ford	Paul Summa
Georgia Gannon	Dorothy Tarr
Vonne Hernandez	Judy White
Eloise Jones	Mrs. Leslie Wieslander

### NEW MEMBERS

Louis Albert	Robert Marshall
Donald Bentley	Lois O'Donnell
C. Steven Boxwell	Jack J. Pfeiffer
Sidney V. Chown	Mrs. J. J. Pfeiffer
Gene Creech	Ann Philips
Lila F. Graham	James R. Price
J. D. Henderson	Nell G. Senecal
Raymond B. Jensen	Dave Silva
Mel Johnson	Marilyn Smith
Evelyn Kerr	John R. Wyman
Pat Knotts	Jean Williams

### JUNIORS

Barbara Albert	Carol Nelsen
Mary Bache	Norma O'Donnell
Barbara Bemis	Sally Schetter
Billie Black	Don Schumacher
Jimmie Black	Andy Sibert
Philip Clock	Dick Sibert
Jeffery Hardin	Don Sibert
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## M.H.A. JUNIORS HOLD FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the M.H.A. Juniors was held on Saturday afternoon, April 3rd, at Sequoia Lodge.

Chris Hansen, Junior Chairman, arranged for the meeting, gave a brief talk, and conducted the election for officers. Officers elected were: President, Joey Cosca; Vice-President, Peggy Day; Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Brandes.

A two hour trail ride was planned for April 10. Due to bad weather the ride was called off but luckily Chris Hansen rode to the meeting spot, for 15 Juniors were ready to start their ride. Another ride is planned for 1 p.m. on April 17.

At the meeting, many of the Juniors expressed a desire for a drill team to compete in Junior Shows. Miss Graham has kindly offered her ring for drills or other Junior activities.

Each Junior is urged to present ideas for an emblem for the group and Janet Anderson and George Hundrick have been asked to secure information as to costs for such emblems.

Juniors who attended the first meeting included: Janet Anderson, Karen Anderson, Donald Bjornson, Pat Brandes, Clark Brown, Phoebe Brown, Joey Cosca, Peggy Day, Celia Gray, George Hundrick, Ann Husar, Ann Lacey, Sandra Logue, Linda Lorimer, Gale Meyer, Marion Parson, Sandra Rosendahl, Wilda Rosendahl, Patty Rukavina, Joan Schetter, Sally Schetter, Janet Scott, and Inez Thompson.

Following the meeting, ice cream, cake, punch, and cookies were served the Juniors by Chris Hansen. President Joey Cosca, on behalf of the Junior organization, gave Mr. Hansen a vote of thanks and appreciation for the delicious refreshments, and for his work in making the meeting possible. The Juniors will meet monthly.

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## RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY SANDRA LOGUE

Sandra Logue won the title of Reserve Champion Rider in the series of three horse shows put on by the Barbara Worth Stables in Sacramento the past winter. Her horse, Toy Storm, was also made a Reserve Champion in the Hunter division.

In the last show of the series, March 26, 27, and 28, Sandra was judged the Champion Rider and Toy Storm was made Champion Hunter.

Sandra won first in Equitation competing in a class of 18 riders, and fifth in the Seat and Hands over Jumps class.

The Sportsman, owned by Don Evans and ridden by Sandra Logue, won fifth in the Championship awards.

## SUBALTERNS

Subalterns held a Gymkhana and picnic lunch on March 25, in place of the trail ride which was cancelled because of rain.

Results of the show: Road Hack: 1, Sandra Rosendahl riding Big Rock; Pot-luck pairs won by Happy Clements and Linda Lorimer riding Peter Patch and Alex; Equitation, Peggy Day riding Trinity Tim; Jumping, Linda Lorimer riding Klown Kyack. The Eggatation race (riding at walk, trot, and canter while holding an egg in a spoon) was won by Carol De Vilbiss riding Rabbi. Judges were Pat and Dede Brandes of Shongehon; announcer, Miss Cress; director, Mary Lou Hutton.

## SHONGEHON

The April meeting of Shongehon was held at the home of Charlotte Lochner. Following the meeting, supper was served.

Plans for the Shongehon Junior Horse Show on June 6 were discussed. Members expressed regret that Maria de Bonis and Joyce Gableman had resigned due to pressure of school activities.

Sandra Logue has been missed by her Shongehon mates recently as she has moved to Concord.

Pat Brandes, newly elected M.H.A. Secretary-Treasurer is to be congratulated on her fine showing of Duffle Bag in a jumping exhibition at the horse show held at Centerville.

## SUE ALLEN SPILLS

Sue Allen took a spill while jumping her mare, Phantom Filly. The Filly kicked Sue in the head and 'tis rumored that the Filly seems a bit lame since.

## INTRODUCING NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS

**JEFFREY HARDIN** is an eleven-year-old Cressmount rider. He says his favorite horse is Killarney. Jeff, a very enthusiastic M.H.A. Junior, is looking forward to the association's junior activities.

**SALLY SCHETTER**, one of the youngest Pegasus Patrollers at Cressmount, is but nine-years-old and she wants to take jumping lessons. However, her legs won't reach down far enough, so Sally is patiently riding her favorite horse Noah in drills with the Patrollers. Sally attends the Havens School in Piedmont.

**DON SCHUMACHER** also rides with Pegasus Patrol at Cressmount. He is a member of the Saturday morning jumping class. Although Don has his own horse at his Dad's summer home at Twain Harte, he says that Adobe at Cressmount is a favorite with him too. Don attends the Havens School in Piedmont.

**MARGOT STENZEL** is eight-years-old and rides with the Beginners Class at Cressmount on Saturday morning. She says Duffle Bag is her favorite horse.

**DEON STENZEL** rides with Pegasus Patrol at Cressmount. Her special favorite is Big Rock. Deon is eleven-years-old and enjoys jumping on Sunday mornings. Deon and Margot live in San Leandro.

**Dave Nelson**, nephew of Elsa and Gus Himmelman, writes from his home in Los Angeles that he misses the lovely Oakland trails. Seems that Dave spends his summer vacation in Oakland with the Himmelmans and his winter months in Los Angeles with his father. Dave plans to ride in the MHA show this year.

**Patsy Nutall**, another Shongehon rider, stables her good Thoroughbred, Chocolate Soldier, at Cressmount. Patsy is an accomplished musician and plays both the piano and violin. She is a freshman at the Bret Harte Junior High School.

**Marion Parson** keeps her horse, Pal, at her private stable. Marion enjoys riding in Redwood Park. She attends the Frick Junior High School.

**Carol Pfaffenberger** keeps her horse, King, at Toby's near Don and Ann's. Carol attends the Fremont High School, and, upon graduation, plans to major in Animal Husbandry at Davis.

**Janet Scott**, a member of the Subaltern Group at Cressmount, finds time to ride with Pegasus Patrol, as well as with the Beginners' Jumping Class. She attends the Anna Head School in Berkeley and is active in all sports.

**Marilyn Shaw** is a member of the Shongehon Drill Team at Cressmount. Marilyn is a sophomore at the Piedmont High School and spends her vacations riding horses on her uncle's ranch in Arizona.

**Janet McKenzie** rides with the Intermediates for the new groups called the Rancho Bo-

diate Group at Cressmount on Saturday mornings and also finds time to jump with the beginners on Tuesdays. Janet attends the Alameda High School and plays the piano very well.

**Cherie Mae Winslow**, a thirteen-year-old rider, lives in Los Angeles and spends her vacations in Oakland riding her horse Pepper. Cherie enjoys drawing pictures of horses. Her secret ambition is to become a veterinarian and eventually own a "Retirement Farm" for tired and worn-out horses.

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## DEDICATION OF THE HORSEMEN'S ARENA

The 20th day of March, 1948, will be remembered by most of us as the day of the ground breaking ceremonies signalling the start of the Horsemen's Arena in Joaquin Miller Park. To some of the older members of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association it will be remembered as a day of fulfillment—fulfillment of a cherished dream of a locally owned arena for horsemen's activities. I have in mind such men as our past presidents Howard Robinson, Frank Moller, Harold Knudsen, Fred Anderson, Frank Colbourn, Jr., Don Marquis and many other officers and members who have put forth considerable effort in the realization of this plan.

Saturday afternoon, March 20, was a brilliant afternoon. The hills and trees were resplendent with spring color and at the site of our coming horse shows were assembled riding groups as dazzling as Mother Nature herself—the Ahmes Shrine Rangers led by Captain Fred Bemis; the colorful Lari-ettes led by Captain Margaret Rukavina; the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse led by Captain Eddie Carey; and other groups and individuals from private and public stables.

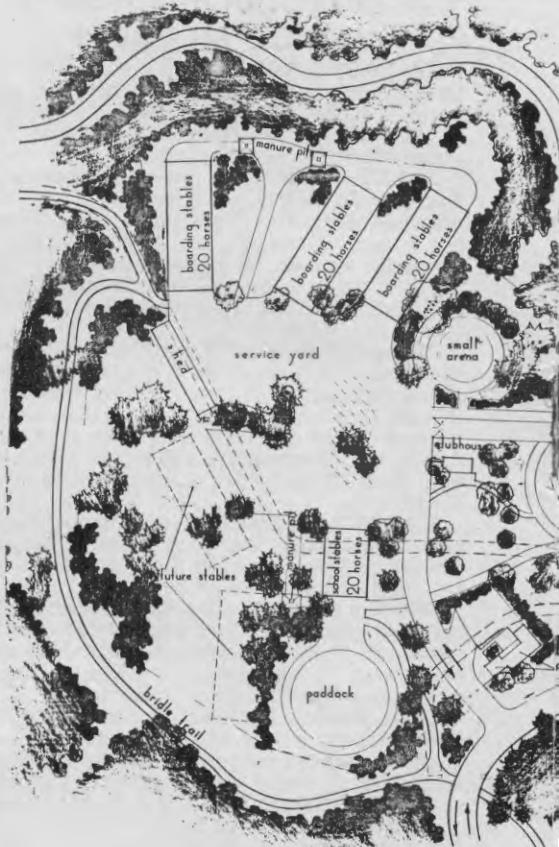
Mr. Joseph C. Tobin, director of Public Relations for the Park Department, conducted the ceremonies and after making a brief talk, he called upon Syd Chown who read a paper dedicating the occasion to the memory of many old timers who played a great part in the progress of riding facilities in Joaquin Miller Park and elsewhere in the East Bay.

Representing our President Ted Dreyer, your Vice-President was called upon by Mr. Tobin to make a few remarks in behalf of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association.

He was followed by William Penn Mott, Jr., who vividly painted the Park Department's plans for the future. He pictured many good things for the horsemen of this community: an elaborate system of trails which will ultimately allow horsemen to ride from the hill area down to and around Lake Merritt; the completion of the horsemen's Arena and the building of a Horsemen's Club House on an adjoining knoll overlooking the Bay.

I am sure that we were all thrilled by this picture. Mr. Mott reminded the M.H.A. never to relax in its persistent efforts to bring about the final completion of the Horsemen's Arena as well as these other planned facilities.

We must not in expressing our appreciation forget our many friends in the City Hall without whom this project would never have been possible. So we say THANKS to the Board of Park Department Commissioners headed by its President Nat Levy and to the other officials in that Depart-



ment headed by William Penn Mott, Jr., its Superintendent. Also to our Oakland City Manager, John F. Hassler, goes our gratitude for his support, and to the members of the Oakland City Council.

And so on this occasion, may I take the liberty on behalf of our President Ted Dreyer, and other officers and members of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association of extending our thanks to all of these very fine gentlemen.

Jim Myers, Vice-President.

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If you are riding, take the Sunset Trail which branches off of Skyline Boulevard a couple of blocks north of the intersection with Joaquin Miller Road. Follow this trail to the very end and soon after it turns right, angling away from the Bay view, you will ride into the cleared area of the arena.

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### SECRETARY'S MAIL BAG

Invitations to M. H. A. members this month include one from Sonora. On May 8, a "Days of Gold" Parade will be held. Stalls and feed will be supplied the horses, cash prizes and trophies will be awarded the best entries. A rodeo will be held on the Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 9.

Here are two celebrations you are welcome to attend the following weekend. Auburn will sponsor a parade on Sunday as a part of their three day Centennial Celebration, May 14, 15, 16. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded the various parade divisions.

M. H. A. members have also been asked to participate in the Jumping Frog Jubilee Parade, May 16 at Angels Camp. But don't forget our own Trails Ride and Field Day the same date.

On June 4, 5, and 6, a Frontier Days Celebration will be held at Tracy. A mammoth parade following a free lunch at 12:30, will be the Sunday feature, plus a Western Play Day event.

For further information on these invitations, contact your Secretary—OL. 2-2536.

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### AT THE OAKLAND STABLE

Plans for the Oakland Riding Academy Horse Show, which will be held on Sunday, May 30, are taking shape. Phyl and Ed Hill head the Trophy Committee with Ralph Wendland as their assistant.

The Program Committee consists of: Barbara Chase, Susan Tuttle, Clair Hansen, and Gay Hopkins. Bob Lorimer will donate a Perpetual Trophy which will be displayed in the office. All those interested in further information on the show may call Bob at KEllog 2-7977. Entry blanks are available at the barn.

The "teen agers" riding from the Oakland celebrated the coming of Easter with a Smorgasbord dinner party on March 20.

The regular Sunday Riding Group, which is so ably headed by Hal and Lee Reiter, has two new members, Connie and Stretch Wieckert.

Osa Ruttan is once again riding the trails on the beautiful black Saddlebred gelding, Hal Collins, owned by Eva Young.

Dottie Wemmer, owner of the buckskin pleasure horse, Toni, is vacationing in the southern part of the state.

### WITH THE LEONA RIDERS

The Leona Riders are in the saddle and riding again. It would be hard to find a group with more enthusiasm than these horse owners, 42 of whom met at the Brown's Canyon Ranch in March.

At this time nine new members were added to the Leona Riders. They are; Janice Kenyon, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Vanier, Gary and Cheryll Vanier, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Den Berg, and Lois and Norma O'Donnell. Two guests were also present, Wm. A. Burgess, editor of the California Horsemen, and Dick Garofolo.

Guest speaker for the evening was Robert Van Den Berg, who spoke on the various types and breeds of horses that he had seen in Europe, Australia, and Canada.

Moving pictures were shown, after which spaghetti and coffee was served.

Special entertainment and a guest speaker were highlights of the April meeting held at Sequoia Lodge, and every member of the Leona Riders was present to enjoy them.

Don Evans, as guest speaker, used as his topic "The Horse, and Care of His Feet". Afterwards, a sound motion picture "The American Horse", put out by the University of California, was shown. Refreshments and dancing climaxed the evening's entertainment.

Martin Murray was chairman for the evening. His assistants were Deane Burton and Lee Fowler. Norma Burton was Refreshments chairman.

This month's activity will be a ride along Ocean Beach and through Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. The ride will start from Mac's Hitching Rack, and end there for breakfast. Chairman Jack Doran promises a good time for the 30 riders who will trailer their mounts across the Bay for the occasion.

### AT THE NEVES STABLE

The Neves Stable has two new members, Bernice Hadley and Barbara Campbell. Bernice is a Mills College student from Merced. She has a fourteen year old gray Thoroughbred named Peter, which she has owned since he was a four year old.

Barbara owns the Thoroughbred mare Black Velvet.

Joyce Adamson's chestnut gelding celebrates his fourth birthday this month.

Richard Neves has begun work on the fine, large ring which will be lighted at night.

Florence Neves, Dick's mother, is an arduous worker, supervising the barn chores with the help of Al. The horses are treated like members of the family, and Florence considers feeding time a course affair with soup (water), meat and potatoes (hay), and dessert (oats), followed by the night-gown (blanket), and a lovely bed of straw.

### WITH THE BOOTS AND JEANS

The Boots and Jeans Club held their Annual Dinner Dance at the Club Kona, March 17. There were sixty-four members present. The Entertainment Committee did a grand job of decorating the tables with floral sprays and greens. The committee's decorative plans included "orchids for the ladies" and "green carnations for the gentlemen". Leroy Lampton designed and printed the place cards.

Several specialty numbers were staged for the members of the Boots and Jeans Club, including a Rumba serpentine in which Earl Tobey, Paul Brewer, Don Roberts and Dave Bergsmann acted as partners for the beautiful chorus girls.

In addition to the Kona Club's regular entertainment, members of Boots and Jeans put on a square dance for the benefit of the other patrons of the Kona Club. Babe Lampton and Jack Doughty sang some Irish and Western Songs.

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Club went to the Club Kona on March 29th for an evening of dancing, which included many square dances to the music of Don Churchill and his Western music.

The Boots and Jeans held their April party at Sequoia Lodge on the 21st. The music was by Johnnie Gregory and his Boys. Mae Dwyer, the new Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, planned a fine evening's entertainment.

Boots and Jeans riders were very happy to hear of the recent marriage of Irene Hinds and Al Figg. Irene is one of the club's charter members.

### AT CRESSMOUNT

Upson Downs Riding Club will hold its Spring Show on Wednesday evening, May 12. The show will be a benefit for the Umbrella Ring's "additional roofing and improved entrances."

Bit and Spur members were sorry to have their President, Pat Lovell, resign her office due to a recent operation. Eliz Schohr, Secretary of Bit and Spur, was elected president in Pat's place.

During the Bit and Spur Horse Show held at Cressmount on April 18th, active members of Bit and Spur were presented with Bit and Spur pins by Mrs. Trefethen of Berkeley, remembered by Cressmount riders as Kathryn Morgan, Bit and Spur's first president and designer of the Bit and Spur pin.

Members of Bit and Spur taking advanced jumping are: Robin Norton, Marie MacRae, Eliz Schohr, and Betty Lou Wright.

A group of riders from Cressmount gave a jumping exhibition at the Future Farmers of America Horse Show held April 10th in Centerville. Pat Brandes rode Duffle Bag, Sally Allen jumped Peter Patch, Mary Lou Hutton exhibited Rum Punch, and Sue Allen rode her Thoroughbred mare Phantom Filly.

### AT THE GREEN BARN

George Daniels, riding Bronze Leaf, and Roy Fefley, riding Copper, made a nice showing with the San Francisco Sheriff's Posse in the presentation of colors and drill at the Junior Live Stock Show in the Cow Palace, March 20-25.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weaver spent Easter with their son at his ranch in the Sacramento Valley.

Edith Roberts has recovered from her illness, and is enjoying riding Tommy High on the trails again.

Work on the Green Barn will soon be completed.

## AT THE AAHMES RANGERS' STABLE

The Rangers made their initial appearance of the New Year in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, held in San Francisco, Sunday, March 14. The unit consisted of twenty mounted Rangers led by Captain Fred Bemis and followed by the Wells Fargo Stage Coach, drawn by four matched Piebalds, driven by Larry Gorvard and occupied by some of the wives of the Rangers. The beautiful trophy awarded the "Best Mounted Western Group" in the Parade now occupies a cherished spot at the ranch.

The second appearance of the Rangers was on Saturday, March 20, when they participated in the ground breaking ceremonies for the new riding Arena in Joaquin Miller Park.

A very unfortunate accident happened at the Ranch recently. Kerry, a pinto gelding, owned by Francis Older, fell while in pasture, breaking his leg and necessitating his destruction.

Si and Lucille Simons are very happy over the arrival of a chestnut filly out of the Saddlebred mare, Liberty Belle. The filly will be named Belle of Destiny in honor of her dam and her sire, Destiny Bay.

The Rangers participated in the opening of the Ball Park at Emeryville, Tuesday, March 30.

Selected as the official escort for Governor Warren and party, twenty-four mounted Rangers and the stage coach drawn by four black and white pintos, and occupied by the official party, entered the field, paraded between two lines of motorcycle policemen and halted in front of the Governor's box where they remained throughout the seventeen gun salute, fireworks and National Anthem.

## RANCHO BONITA RIDERS

The Rancho Bonita Riders held an Easter Egg Hunt on horseback, March 21. About 20 riders sallied forth in search of the elusive egg. Miriam Cole won first place in the Ladies' division and Art Adams and Glen Groom tied for first in the Gentlemen's division. Good looking ties were awarded as prizes.

Brunch was served to half a hundred guests on the lawn at Larry Gorvard's home at which time several new members of the club were introduced. The Rancho Bonita Riders now have 42 members, a fine showing as the club is but a month old.

A Sunday ride was held on April 11, and a 49'er Dance was given on April 24, where side burns and whiskers for the men and calico dresses for the women were the order of the night.

It is nice to see Cal and Marie Tisher around the barn again. Cal is the owner of a beautiful Palomino mare.

Reno Cole and his mare rode into some

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barbed wire on the trail recently, but fortunately no damage other than a bad scratch or two resulted.

Charlie Gray is progressing nicely after his operation, but will be confined in a cast for another two months. Ronnie Gray is doing an excellent job with his chestnut mare, Queenie—thereby hangs a tale! Ask some of the Bonita riders about it.

Jan Hansen and her son, Erick, are frequent visitors at the barn. Erick, like his father, Earl Hansen, is very enthusiastic about horses.

Evelyn Leydecker manages to get away from school on week-ends to ride with the Bonita group. Evie is enrolled at San Jose State College.

Kathyne Palmer is becoming a capable rider and is usually out bright and early on Saturdays to ride her black mare, Midnight.

**WITH THE LARI-ETTES**

The Lari-ettes will hold their May Day Dance at the Big Bear Tavern on Redwood Road, Wednesday, April 28. There will be many prizes.

The Lari-ettes were sporting their new shirts at the San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade, and came home with a trophy for first prize in Women's Western Division.

The group was present at the Ground Breaking Ceremonies for the M. H. A.'s new Arena, which will be located in Joaquin Miller Park. They also were in full force at the M. H. A. Dance which was held at the Tourist Club, Saturday Night, March 20.

Margaret Eppse's new Quarter horse mare is named Two-Bits and came from Pleasanton.

Cry-baby is the name of the buckskin mare which Margaret Rukavina just purchased from Leon Pace.

Joe Cosca is now a member of the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse. He has just bought a handsome Palomino gelding, named Nugget, from Harold Cummins.

Ollie Currie is the newest member of the Lari-ettes.

**AT THE PRIVATE STABLES**

Don and Margaret Phelps of Castro Valley added a new name to the list of private stables, when they christened their place THE ROCKING HORSE STABLE, on March 21. Twenty-five guests were present, as Bob Van Den Berg conducted the christening in the unique and traditional manner of his native Holland.

At present, there are three horses in the Rocking Horse Stable: Sunwin and Shasta Gold, both chestnut Thoroughbred hunters, and Rock'N'Rye, a brown open jumper. Also living at the stable is Brindy, a cross-bred Cocker-Boxer pup, and Mighty Mouse, the stable cat, who is the mother of four gray kittens.

A group of ten riders from Castro Valley

drove to the three-day show at Barbara Worth's last month. Janice and Mrs. Kenyon of the JTMK Stable took their beautiful Arabian stallion and also their four-year-old Thoroughbred hunter Long Timber. Gary Vanier took Lightfoot, an open jumper, and the Rocking Horse Stable entered Rock'N'Rye. A blue was won in Hunter Hacks, a third in Jumper Pairs, and a fourth in Middle and Heavyweight Hunters.

Archie Brown's Canyon Ranch, an eight-acre estate in the Oakland hills, is an ideal spot for the five pleasure horses owned by the Browns. The lucky horses are: Sweetheart, a spirited black mare of Thoroughbred Saddlebred breeding; Buddy Boy, a seven-year-old bay half-Saddlebred bay gelding; Patricia, a ten-year-old Pinto mare; and Darky, a ten-year-old registered Saddlebred gelding. Opal Brown's favorite mount is Calico Babe, a nine-year-old part Saddlebred Pinto mare. The stable is guarded by Sonny, a Pomeranian, Toughie, a Maltese Terrier, and Spot, the Dalmatian.

### AT THE BIG BEAR STABLES

The mystery of the Big Bear Stables is finally solved. The new building, recently completed by head carpenter Gus Fish, is to be a combination office and private tack room!

George Floyd's sorrel mare Rusty is the mother of a beautiful Thoroughbred-type colt.

Flossie Lejeal is turning her colt, Amber, over to Jimmie Black for training.

### SHOW HORSE EXHIBITORS HOLD ELECTION

At a meeting of the Show Horse Exhibitor's Association, held at the El Padre Hotel in Bakersfield, April 3 and 4, the following officers were elected: Harry Slade, president; Earl Crain, vice-president; Mrs. M. J. Dees, executive secretary; Virginia Forsythe, working secretary; and Don Marquis, treasurer.

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Managed by Charles L. Hall, the show will feature many new ideas for special classes not previously used in west coast shows. There will be classes for Trail Horses, Hunters, Jumpers, Equitation, a flat walking race around stakes and several driving classes, one of which will be for locally owned Saddlebred Pleasure Horses. There will be events for Juniors.

Two trophies will be awarded in each class, and ribbons to fifth place. A master trophy will be awarded for the horse winning the most points in the show.

The ring at Redwood is one of the largest on the coast, and ample seating capacity is available. Proceeds from the show will be used for community recreational facilities.

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## COMING SHOWS OF LOCAL INTEREST

April 25	Napa Valley Horse Show
April 30—May 2	Solano County Fair and Horse Show
May 2	Valley of the Moon Horse Show
May 8-9	Sacramento County Horsemen's Horse Show
May 12 NIGHT	Upson Downs Riding Club, Cressmount Horse Show
May 16	Sonoma County Horse Show
May 23	San Mateo Mounted Patrol Horse Show
May 30	Santa Clara Sheriff's Posse Rodeo
May 30	Oakland Riding Academy All-English Horse Show
June 4-5-6	Tracy Frontier Days Celebration
June 6	Contra Costa Horsemen's Children's Show
June 6	Shongehon Junior Horse Show, Cressmount
June 6	Arlington Hills Riding Club Horse Show
June 6	Santa Clara County Horsemen's Horse Show
June 12-13	Livermore Rodeo
June 13	Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Horse Show
June 13	Specialty Horse Show, Miss Graham's Redwood Riding Stable
June 17-20	Salinas Rodeo, Horse Fair and Stock Show
June 19—NIGHT	Modesto Horse Show
June 20	Novato Horsemen's Horse Show
June 26-27	Metropolitan Horsemen's Association Horse Show
July 3-4-5	Mounted Patrol San Mateo Rodeo

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TED DREYER TO JIM MYERS

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April 4, 1948.

Dear Jim:

I have been meaning to write you to congratulate and thank you and the other members of the Board of Directors for the swell job you are doing for the Horsemen. Several people have written to me about it, and of course I am personally grateful to you for taking over while I am away.

We have been here since last Thursday, and will remain here until April 21, arriving in New Orleans on the 4th of May. Rio is certainly one beautiful city. We are in love with it. There is nothing else like it.

Of course, when I say in love with it, I mean as a tourist. There is no place like the States. Everyone seems to want to come to the states—rich and poor.

From the local papers I take it International conditions are not good. Everyone watches closely what is being done in the States. Few of us at home realize to what extent other peoples of the world are looking to the U. S. for leadership.

We flew from Montevideo to Sao Paulo, Brazil in 6 hours. It takes about 4 days by boat and 4½ by train and the trains are terrible. It was my wife's first plane trip and she enjoyed it a lot.

Give my regards to the gang and will look forward to seeing you about the 10th of May. Kindest regards and thanks again.

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